

Cattlemen ask beef restrictions

"Early this week, the Canadian government announced an agreement which ended a four month total ban on beef and cattle imports from the U.S. However, Canada stated that a 12 month beef quota, effective Aug. 12, on beef imports from the U.S. and other countries. This imposition of quotas on cattle and beef carcass imports is a very valid reason why the United States should immediately re-impose beef imports restraints from other countries," said Oregon Cattlemen's Association president Ernie Davis, speaking at the annual Wallowa County Stockgrowers meeting in Enterprise Saturday morning.

"What this means," Davis said, "is that Canada's total import quota on live cattle, from all foreign countries, for the next 12 months will be only 83,000 head. In 1973, the U.S. alone shipped 185,000 head of cattle, plus 35 million pounds of beef to Canada."

The Oregon Cattlemen's Association is once again asking the president to take note of this situation and immediately re-impose the Meat Import Quota Act of 1964, which has been suspended since 1972.

Davis added, "Total cattle numbers have increased in Australia, New Zealand and other major beef exporting countries. Also, cattle num-

bers in the U.S. are up 6 per cent over one year ago (138 million head) an all time high. The U.S. today is the only country which does not have a beef import quota system, most other countries have a complete embargo or have limited imports. Thus, the U.S. is the 'dumping ground' for foreign beef.

"We already have an over-abundant cattle supply and thus we simply cannot take additional beef supplies from foreign countries without dangerously depressing our own markets, sending cattle prices, received by the feeder and producer, plummeting while inflated production costs, particularly feed costs,

will add to the cattlemen's serious financial problem."

Davis concluded, "We have no choice but to ask for and seek a reasonable regulation of beef imports, for the good of the cattle industry and the consumer."

Also speaking at the annual meeting was Donald Ostensoe, executive staff officer of the Cattlemen and Beef Council, who said, "Consumers in Oregon and Washington were purchasing considerably more beef per capita than one year ago. For the first six months the Northwest consumers have purchased 58 pounds of beef per person as compared to 54 pounds of beef per person for the first six months of 1973."

Oregon and Northwest consumption for the first six months of 1974 were running approximately three pounds above the national per capita average.

Ostensoe credited this increase beef consumption to a hard hitting, consumer-oriented beef promotion and advertising of the Oregon Beef Council. Ostensoe said that if this trend continues, we will reach the all time high of per capita beef consumption of 116 pounds per person which was recorded in 1972. Last year, 1973, per capita beef consumption dropped for the first time in 22 years to 110 pounds per person.

4-H and FFA events at the county fair

MONDAY, AUG. 19—Style Revue judging all day. Home Ec Judging Contests, to be held at the gym by the Elementary School. 4-H entries, 1 to 7 p.m. at 4-H Annex. All livestock must be in place by 7 p.m.

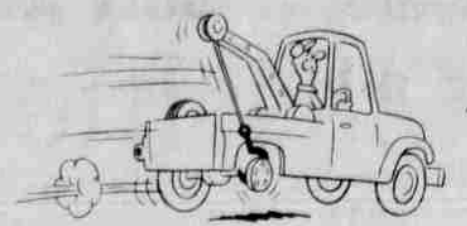
TUESDAY, AUG. 20—Judging of all home economics entries starts at 9:30 a.m. All exhibits must be in place by 9 a.m. 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest, 1 p.m. 4-H Leathercraft Judging Contest, 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 21—Food Preparation Contests start 9 a.m. Rabbits and Poultry judged, 9 a.m. Livestock Judging, 4-H and FFA, 9 a.m., all day. Sewing Skills Contest, 10 a.m. Knitting Skills Contest, 10 a.m. Dog Fun Match, 10 a.m. Style Revue practice, 1 p.m. Livestock Judging, 4-H and FFA, all day. Public Style Revue, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 22—4-H Home Economics Demonstrations start 9 a.m., all day. 4-H and FFA Livestock Showmanship, 9 a.m., all day. Favorite Food Show starts 10 a.m. All-around Showmanship Contest, 3 p.m. 4-H and FFA Awards Program for home ec, ag and livestock, 4:30 p.m. Pig Scramble starts 7:30 p.m. 4-H and FFA Auction, 8 p.m.

Events of special interest to the general public are the Style Revue, Awards Program, Pig Scramble, Livestock Auction. There are other contests which include the Dog Fun Match, tractor riding contest, food preparations contests, demonstrations and livestock showmanship and judging.

Art and Judy Cutshall are new residents of Ione, making their home temporarily in the Holtz Apartments. They have two children, Bret, 4, and Becky, 7, and are most recently from the Portland area. Cutshall has purchased the Office Tavern



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Although most 4-H Club members take their projects seriously, there is a fun side to it, too. Shown here is Steve Currin showing off his pet sheep during last year's Pet Parade.

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Man dies from gunshot wound

Henry W. Jackson, 82, formerly of Vale, Ore., was found shot to death at Hardman early Monday night, the apparent victim of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The body was found by Mike Stickey, 20, Hillsboro, Ore., who had just come to Hardman from Portland.

Dr. L.D. Tibbles, Morrow County medical investigator, said the victim died from one shot fired from a 32-caliber automatic pistol. The bullet entered one temple and passed through the other. Dr. Tibbles recovered the bullet imbedded in the wall of an old woodshed across the street from the Hardman Opry House, where the tragedy occurred. Jackson apparently died some time late Saturday night.

Jackson arrived in Hardman Friday night and asked permission to park his homemade camper along the roadway near the Opry House. He received permission, and later Friday and Saturday he talked with residents in the area

during which he mentioned he would soon be 83 years of age. One resident reported he was despondent over the resignation of President Nixon.

The body was taken to Sweeney Mortuary.

The sheriff's office has been unable to locate any survivors other than his estranged wife who resides in Vale. Efforts to locate any other kin is continuing.

DEBBIE YOCOM JOINS THE WAC

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yocom held a party Sunday for their daughter, Debbie, who left the same day to join the Women's Army Corps.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Rinehart, Ukiah; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gunderson and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Chick and children, Heppner; and Debbie's grandmother, Venice Henderson, Lexington.

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